Eagles, Cutkomp win regional titles

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PANORA - The Kirkwood men's golf team took a four-shot lead into the final day and held off DMACC by three shots to win the Region XI Men's Golf Tournament on Sunday at the Lake Panorama Golf Club.

The Eagles, led by 1-2 finishers Daniel Cutkomp and Carson Whittington, finished with a two-day total of 616, three shots better than second-place DMACC. Northeast was third at 628.

Cutkomp outdueled teammate Whittington for the individual title. He shot 76-74 to finish at 150. Whittington shot 78-73 to finish at 151. Both were also named to the ICCAC All-Conference first team. Blaine Buhr and Dylan Daxon were honorable mention selections.

The regional title was the 12th in program history. Coach Darin Pint's team will play in the national tournament May 19-22 at the Goose Pond Colony Golf Course in Scottsboro, Ala.

REGION XI MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP Team standings

1. Kirkwood 313+303=616. 2. DMACC 317+302=619, 3. Northeast 318+310=628, 4. NIACC 330+308=638, 5. Iowa Lakes 333+325=658, 6. Iowa Central 337+329=666. 7. Ellsworth 361+332=693.

KIRKWOOD: 1. Daniel Cutkomp 76+75=150, 2. Carson Whittington 78+73=151. 12. Blaine Buhr 80+78=158, T13. Dylan Daxon 79+81=160. 22. Eddie Doyle 85+78=153.